

Remarks

Claims 21, 23 and 24 are indicated to recite patentable subject matter. Applicants appreciate the recognition of patentable subject matter in the present application. Applicants submit this After Final response to place the application in condition for allowance and accordingly is a proper response after final.

Applicants hereby add new claim 26 and cancel claims 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25. Accordingly, claims 1-15, 22, 23, and 26 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-15, 17, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 2002/0018124 A1 Mottur et al. in view of USPN 6,172,672 Ramasubramanian et al. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 2002/0018124 A1 Mottur et al. in view of USPN 6,172,672 Ramasubramanian et al. in view of USPN 6,591,068 Dietz.

With respect to claim 1, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include limitations of dependent claim 21 which was indicated to recite allowable subject matter in the Office Action. Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The claims which depend from claim 1 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

With respect to claim 11, Applicants have amended claim 11 to include limitations of dependent claim 24 which was indicated to recite allowable subject matter in the Office Action. Accordingly, claim 11 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The claims which depend from claim 11 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

Newly added claim 26 includes the limitations of previously pending claims 1, 22 and 23. New claim 26 is believed to be allowable in view of the indication in the Office Action that claim 23 recited allowable subject matter. Allowance of new claim 26 is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes all of the claims recite patentable subject matter as set forth in the Office Action, and accordingly, Applicant requests allowance of the application in the next Action.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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